

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JULY, 1961

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.3.1961

Males - 381,050 Females - 361,592 Persons - 742,642

Metropolitan at 31.12.1960

Persons - 400,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JUNE				Six Months ended JUNE			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	369	6.02	350	5.85	2,795	7.52	2,792	7.71
Births	1,377	22.47	1,524	25.47	8,760	23.58	8,355	23.06
Deaths	445	7.26	532	8.89	2,784	7.49	2,704	7.46
Infant Mortality (b)	28	20.33	28	18.37	154	17.58	175	20.95

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Oversea	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	4,641	4,689	55,265	46,182	13,338	8,618	159,787	120,069
Interstate	13,548	17,413	119,111	123,348	4,341	7,530	43,940	38,930
Total:	18,189	22,102	174,376	169,530	17,679	16,148	203,727	158,999

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	92,557	41,006	419,883	357,601
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued	133,437	1,184,304	4,986,108	4,077,704

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,514,294	4,477,001	69,332,710	64,387,912
Revenue per Head of Population	7.4	6.1	93.8	88.8
Expenditure	5,939,074	5,418,825	70,537,286	65,793,726
Expenditure per Head of Population	8.0	7.4	95.5	90.7

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of JULY		
	1961	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.
Total Balances	81,750,045	79,014,024	72,301,689
Per Head of Population	109.4	107.9	100.4

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	February	March	April	May	June	July
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
1961	22,660,012	23,441,125	23,532,488	23,981,079	21,645,396	23,080,067
1960	22,047,689	22,276,441	19,363,355	22,265,619	21,702,176	21,655,541

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
			1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.		1,632	1,847	22,131	21,977
	£.		2,912,184	3,677,611	41,366,128	40,236,165
Mortgages	No.		1,326	1,413	15,150	16,528
	£.		2,623,531	3,395,927	35,043,825	37,074,495
Discharges of Mortgages	No.		951	1,034	12,368	12,884

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
July, 1961	4,356,848	4,224,165	11,768,113	470,283
July, 1960	4,142,750	3,500,330	11,940,658	646,285
Twelve Months ended June, 1961	58,772,339	46,989,822	154,826,099	9,420,048
Twelve Months ended June, 1960	54,333,551	41,360,839	137,438,152	8,694,790

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Local	No.	35	42	405	347
Nominal Capital	£.	2,617,000	2,333,000	27,973,500	19,643,800
Foreign	No.	13	20	157	160

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Month of JULY					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	20	27,062	1,885	11	42,413	17,390
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	6	43,041	39,271	7	14,708	13,612

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings	£.	1,491,748	1,353,264	16,537,848	15,038,264
Operating Expenses	£.	1,368,870	1,327,430	15,551,297	15,408,204
Train Miles Run	No.	680,081	652,599	7,818,746	7,961,880
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(a)280,058	(a)271,990	1,514,202	1,328,167
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	992,745	984,325	12,660,941	13,879,329
Motor Bus	No.	19,011	18,667	266,233	260,625
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		423,194	389,119	4,692,511	4,371,535
Livestock		10,462	11,778	140,717	161,079
Departmental (Free Freight)		48,390	52,568	534,760	676,220
Total:		482,046	453,465	5,367,988	5,208,834
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		67,646,054	63,031,785	728,786,504	684,344,088
Livestock		1,490,045	1,557,904	18,793,223	20,901,108
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,438,802	5,232,517	53,186,248	63,390,874
Total:		73,574,901	69,822,206	800,765,975	768,636,070

(a) Eight weeks ended 30th June.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1960 -										
June	712	175	208	3	60	1,086	261	444	5	98
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
1961 -										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999
April	89,144	26,849	562	8,968	136,047	69,615	1,219	12,653
May	89,151	26,774	560	8,810	137,352	70,531	1,229	12,689
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961 -										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961 -										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		JUNE		Six Months ended JUNE	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	64,967	78,696	413,986	416,500
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,015,102	1,229,627	6,468,530	6,507,813
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	328,632	227,500	1,104,026	948,894

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1956	111.1	101.4	123.8	102.0	105.5	107.9
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960 (cont.):</u>			
July	140.4	47.1	187.5	July	141.9	49.3	191.2
August	140.2	47.0	187.2	August	142.7	49.8	192.5
September	140.8	47.3	188.1	September	143.1	50.2	193.3
October	141.2	47.7	188.9	October	143.2	50.4	193.6
November	141.3	48.1	189.4	November	143.7	50.6	194.3
December	141.1	48.2	189.3	December	143.5	51.1	194.6
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961:</u>			
January	141.1	47.4	188.5	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	239
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	237
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	234
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
31/7/61	15.	0.	6	11.	5.	5	14.	18.	11

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
June, 1961	23,029	1,398	115,308	52,794	16,764
June, 1960	25,231	1,731	120,694	57,839	12,201
12 Months ended June, 1961	187,755	17,912	1,700,223	949,178	194,475
12 Months ended June, 1960	217,040	25,989	1,800,641	849,664	168,222

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
June, 1961	5,087	58	2,265	745	921
June, 1960	5,654	65	2,330	811	667
12 Months ended June, 1961	40,090	743	32,706	13,610	10,587
12 Months ended June, 1960	44,923	1,039	32,627	11,758	9,029

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
6 Months ended June, 1960	3,316	4,416	1,343	1,856	4,659	6,272	49	95	1,653	2,394
6 Months ended June, 1961	1,994	2,890	1,182	1,745	3,176	4,635	46	93	1,521	2,338
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440
April	335	492	206	297	541	789	11	22	255	398
May	305	455	195	285	500	740	8	13	252	359
June	418	580	195	289	613	869	10	16	247	383

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where damage was estimated to be £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960						1961						
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	9. 7	8. 4	9. 5	11. 7	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10
Oranges - Navel	bush.	20. 2	20. 6	25. 6	27. 9	28. 8	-	-	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8
- Val.	bush.	-	18. 8	21. 6	21. 1	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	27. 7	31. 3	33. 1	34. 4	36.10	25.11	-	-	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3
- Other	bush.	40. 3	57. 4	52. 4	54. 8	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 5	29. 5	-	-	-	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 9	22.10	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	20. 8	16. 4	22.10	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	25. 9	28.11	23. 3	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	6.11	4. 9	5. 3	5.10	8. 3	5.11	6. 5	9.10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8
Cauliflowers	dozen	12. 0	16.11	19.11	13. 8	16. 9	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10
Lettuce	crate	9. 5	16.10	12. 3	8.11	14.10	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0
Table Celery	doz.head	5.10	6. 7	9. 2	10. 1	14. 1	11.10	9.11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3
Beetroot	cwt.	62. 5	78. 8	81. 7	96. 2	61.10	65.11	74. 2	92. 8	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6
Carrots	cwt.	21. 2	21.10	19.10	26. 1	23. 3	19.11	21.10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	37. 8	35. 5	51. 8	46. 9	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	12. 5	8.11	5. 5	5. 3	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7
Swedes	cwt.	25. 9	24. 0	27. 0	35. 2	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 5	1. 3	1. 2	11	1. 2	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2
Peas	lb.	1. 9	1. 0	1. 2	7	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	4	4	7	6	6	11	7	5	5	3	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	22. 5	27. 6	39. 6	44. 5	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 4	21. 6	28. 3	47.10	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	52.10.0	52.10.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	30. 0.0	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0(e)	55. 0.0(f)	(c)	(c)
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(e) From 17th April to 15th May. (f) From 16th to 29th May.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

	1960						1961						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	3.17. 1	3.11.11	3. 3.11	3. 1. 4	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11
Lambs													
In Wool	3.16. 8	3. 9. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0.11
Shorn	2.17. 7	-	-	2.12. 1	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	3. 6. 5	2.16. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2
Shorn	2. 3. 9	1.19. 0	1.15. 0	1.15. 8	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7
Wethers													
In Wool	3.13. 9	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1
Shorn	2.10. 4	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11	2. 6. 4	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	41. 4. 3	37.10. 9	37.18. 9	38. 2. 0	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11
Heifers	-	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4	43.10. 3	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-
Cows	48.12. 9	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11	49.10.11	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3
Steers	49. 9. 6	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1	52. 7.10	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	55. 7.10	50. 3. 1
Bullocks	61. 5. 1	60.16. 9	60.13.11	62. 6. 1	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7
PIGS													
Slips	-	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5
Porkers	11. 0. 2	11.11. 0	11. 9.10	11.17. 1	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10
Baconers	16.18. 1	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2	17. 7. 0	16.10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 6	3. 9	-	3. 8	3. 3	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9
" Cocks	2. 8	2. 8	2. 7	2. 7	3. 3	3. 8	3. 1	-	3. 3	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8
Ducks	2. 5	2. 6	-	3. 2	3. 8	3. 6	2. 8	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4
Drakes	2. 4	2. 5	2.11	3. 2	3. 9	3. 8	2.10	2. 6	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2
Geese	1. 7	-	-	-	-	2. 9	-	1. 7	1. 9	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8
Cockerels	3. 3	3. 0	2. 8	2. 7	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	3. 1	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7
Capons	3. 2	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2.11	3. 2	2.11	2.11	3. 2	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8
Hens	2. 5	2. 5	2. 5	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1959 - July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,418	406	332	5,368	1,885	1,266	29,436
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,929	353	288	4,750	1,817	1,177	27,726
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,670	337	275	4,890	2,219	1,353	27,584
April							Not yet available						(f) 27,122
May							do.						(f) 27,106
June							do.						(f) 26,995

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware(b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.8
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.5	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.5	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.5	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.6	15.9
June Qr.														
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	48.0	(g)

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	428	774	5,255	6,187
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	8,384	9,141	105,944	100,478
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	129	165	1,491	1,523
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,261	1,710	28,765	23,755
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	24,328	25,683	362,426	366,731
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	313	325	4,109	5,671
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup.ft.	18,246	17,224	192,603	201,809
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,315	1,459	13,257	12,108
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	296	827	12,391	11,586
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	2,484	4,599	54,470	59,761
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	62	27	281	537
- 2 piece	"	1,768	1,428	18,699	17,203
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,529	6,340	83,153	75,510
- Work	"	14,831	10,056	165,353	180,904
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	36,347	46,289	582,407	593,931
Slippers	"	9,497	12,811	131,303	163,544
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	196	159	5,090	4,330
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	7,760	5,430	252,917	191,157
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	501	448	6,865	6,758
Butter	"	1,795	1,514	17,293	16,599
Cheese	"	318	250	3,070	3,229
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	440	328	7,400	7,052
- Sulphuric	ton	18,554	19,480	235,460	224,695
Coal	"	68,065	90,826	745,093	908,474
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	88,326	83,240	1,031,936	926,627
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	131	134	1,450	1,433
Mattresses Soft Filled(c)	number	1,627	2,393	29,738	35,477
Pig Iron	ton	4,292	4,508	52,261	47,534
Superphosphate	"	63,217	63,858	659,472	629,040
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,393	2,555	29,586	33,636

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Including mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excluding inner spring mattresses.

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